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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Aristotle Innovation Forum  
From Brain Drain to Brain Circulation: Can the Greek Academic  
Community Transform the Exodus of Scientists into a Global Network  
of Influence?**

Thessaloniki, 14 May 2026

With the aim of highlighting a new perspective on Greece’s relationship with its scientific talent, a special panel discussion will take place as part of the Aristotle Innovation Forum on Monday, 18 May 2026, from 11:00 to 12:00, at Pavilion 15 of the Thessaloniki International Exhibition (TIF). The panel is titled: “From Brain Drain to Brain Circulation: Can the Greek Academic Community Transform the Exodus of Scientists into a Global Network of Influence?”

The discussion will focus on the role of the academic community and Greek universities in shifting from the “brain drain” model to one centered on the “circulation of knowledge and people.”

The panel will feature prominent figures from the academic and research community, including Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Development at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Nikolaos Maggioros; Rector of the University of Macedonia, Stelios Katranidis; Vice Rector of the University of Crete, Maria Vamvakaki; Vice Rector for International Relations at the University of Ioannina, Xenophon Bitsikas; Vice Rector for Research and Innovation at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Efstathios Efstathopoulos; Professor at the Technical University of Crete, Panagiotis Partsinevelos; and Professor at the University of Kentucky, Nikiforos Stamatiadis.

Journalist Vasiliki Chryssostomidou from Proto Thema will moderate the discussion. The Aristotle Innovation Forum—one of the most dynamic innovation forums in Southeastern Europe—is organized by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and will take place from 17 to 23 May 2026.

The AIF operates under the auspices of His Excellency, the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Konstantinos An. Tasoulas. The forum is held with the support of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, the Municipality of Thessaloniki, and the Region of Central Macedonia. The Thessaloniki International Exhibition serves as a strategic partner. Major sponsors include PPC and Piraeus Bank.

The event is open to the public.

More information:

[Brain Drain to Brain Circulation Event Page](#)

[Aristotle Innovation Forum Website](#)

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